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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND CHEMICAL

DEPENDENCY PROFESSIONALS

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at 12:00 p.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building

MINUTES APPROVED 01/23/2013

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lisa Ritchie, LCDP, **President**, Presiding Daniel Cooper, LPCMH, **Vice President** Ruth Banta, Public Member, **Secretary** Daniel Cherneski, LMFT (12:15 p.m. – 1:09 p.m.) Dr. Gregg Drevno, Ph.D., LPCMH Dr. Tracey Frazier, Psy.D., LCDP Joan McDonough, Public Member Dr. William Northey, Ph.D., LMFT Elisabeth Vassas, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Danny Stevenson, Deputy Attorney General Jessica Williams, Administrative Specialist II

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mary Davis, LCDP Robert Doyle, Public Member Dr. Julius Mullen, Ed.D., LPCMH

ALSO PRESENT

Olivia Davis
Virginia Thomas
Faith Whittington, Delaware Professional Counselors Association

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Ritchie called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

MHCDP Meeting Minutes - October 24, 2012

The Board reviewed the October 24, 2012 meeting minutes for approval. Ms. Banta made a motion, seconded by Dr. Frazier, to approve the minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.

UNFINSHED BUSINESS

Proposal to Deny Hearing Scheduled for Mary Lenney (12:30 p.m.)

The proposal to deny hearing was cancelled per Ms. Lenney's request.

Review Request to Withdraw Application for LCDP Licensure for Mary Lenney

The Board reviewed Ms. Leeney's request for withdraw her application for LCDP Licensure. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Dr. Northey, to grant Ms. Lenney's request. Motion unanimously carried.

Formally Deny Applications for LPCMH Licensure by Reciprocity

Dr. Frazier moved, seconded by Ms. Banta, to formally deny the application for LPCMH licensure by reciprocity for Mary Aldrich, due to Ms. Aldrich not having certification from a certifying organization acceptable to the Board. Motion unanimously carried.

Dr. Frazier moved, seconded by Ms. Banta, to formally deny the application for LPCMH licensure by reciprocity for Miguel Matos, due to Mr. Matos not having certification from a certifying organization acceptable to the Board. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Previously Tabled Application for LPCMH Licensure by Certification

The Board reviewed the previously tabled application for LPCMH licensure by certification for Virginia Thomas. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Dr. Drevno, to approve the application for licensure by certification. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Request for Supervisor Approval from Michelle Manuszak Pursuant to Final Order

The Board reviewed the request for supervisor approval from Michelle Manuszak pursuant to the Final Order dated July 27, 2012. Ms. Manuszak submitted supporting documentation for Dr. Ada Gonzalez, LMFT, who is the proposed supervisor. Dr. Northey moved, seconded by Dr. Drevno, to approve Dr. Ada Gonzalez as Ms. Manuszak's supervisor pursuant to the Final Order. Motion unanimously carried. Ms. Manuszak will need to submit the proposed professional development plan for Board approval.

Review Request for Supervisor Approval from Richard Brousell Pursuant to Final Order

The Board reviewed the request for supervisor approval from Richard Brousell pursuant to the Final Order dated October 24, 2012. Mr. Brousell submitted documentation from Muriel Ricker, LMFT. The documentation included Ms. Ricker's curriculum vitae, a brief personal statement from Ms. Ricker and her philosophy of supervision. Dr. Northey moved, seconded by Dr. Drevno, to table their decision due to insufficient information to determine if Ms. Ricker would be an acceptable supervisor. The Board voiced their concerns about the proposed supervisor not being licensed in Delaware. According to the Final Order, the proposed supervisor shall have expertise in ethical, legal and boundary issues in counseling; and the supervisory plan shall address the previous ethical violations that have come before the Board regarding Mr. Brousell.

The documentation submitted was insufficient to determine if Ms. Ricker's has expertise in ethical, legal and boundary issues of counseling. In addition, a proposed supervisory plan was not submitted. Upon receipt of receiving documentation which documents the required criteria, the Board will review Mr. Brousell's request during their next regularly scheduled meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Application for LPCMH Licensure by Certification – Wilson Fleming Jr.

The Board reviewed Wilson Fleming Jr.'s application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Dr. Drevno made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to **propose to deny** the application due to Mr. Fleming having membership with the AAMFT, which is not acceptable certification. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Application for LPCMH Licensure by Certification – Monika Preston

The Board reviewed Monika Preston's application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Mr. Cooper made a motion, seconded by Dr. Drevno, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Application for LPCMH Licensure by Certification – Christopher Faulkner

The Board reviewed Christopher Faulkner's application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Dr. Drevno made a motion, seconded by Dr. Frazier, to **table** the application for clarification regarding the number of hours Mr. Faulkner accumulated within a period of no less than two years but no more than four years.. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Application for LPCMH Licensure by Reciprocity – Stephen Kastner

The Board reviewed Stephen Kastner's application for LPCMH licensure by reciprocity. Mr. Cooper made a motion, seconded by Dr. Drevno, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Application for LPCMH Licensure by Certification – Angelina LazoStefanini

The Board reviewed Angelina LazoStefanini's application for LPCMH licensure by reciprocity. Dr. Northey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of LMFT Application for Licensure by Reciprocity – Janice Hong

The Board reviewed Janice Hong's application for LMFT Licensure by reciprocity. Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Dr. Drevno, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Request for Inactive Status - Thomas Gray

The Board reviewed Thomas Gray's request for inactive status. Dr. Drevno made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to approve Mr. Gray's request for inactive status, pursuant to section 2.4 of the Board's regulations. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Request for Approval of Continuing Education Activity from Delaware Anger Management

Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Dr. Drevno, to approve the following CE activity for Delaware Anger Management as noted below:

Helping Clients Learn to Forgive: A Workshop for Facilitators (8.0 Hours)

Motion unanimously carried.

Status of Complaints

Ms. Ritchie was assigned to complaint 33-03-12.

The Board observed a brief recess from 12:44 p.m. until 12:48 p.m.

Review Request for Extension of LAMFT Licensure for Peter Iotov

The Board reviewed Mr. lotov's request for an extension of his LAMFT license. Mr. lotov's license was initially granted in 2008, due to an administrative error. According to the regulations, one must pass the exam prior to having a license issued. Mr. lotov did not pass the exam that he completed in November 2012. It was determined that the Board does not have the authority to grant extensions for LAMFT licensure. Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cooper to deny Mr. lotov's request. Mr. lotov will need to reapply to sit for the exam. Motion carried with Dr. Northey abstaining.

Correspondence

Review Correspondence from the NBCC Regarding Alternatives to Holding the NCC Credential

The Board reviewed the correspondence submitted by Dr. Clawson, on behalf of the NBCC. Dr. Clawson was requesting any information regarding appeal procedures for applicants who have submitted applications for licensure in Delaware, but do not meet the standards to obtain NBCC credentials.

Currently, there are no alternatives to holding the National Certified Counselor Credential, as no other organizations have been deemed acceptable to the Board. A response letter will be sent to Dr. Clawson advising him of such.

Review Correspondence from the American Institute of Clinical Psychotherapists, Inc. Requesting Acceptance of Certification

The Board took no action at this time. The American Institute of Clinical Psychotherapists, Inc., must demonstrate that their examination and standards are equivalent to the NBCC in order to be considered.

Review Correspondence from CACREP Regarding National Education Standards for the Practice of Clinical Mental Health Counseling

The Board reviewed the correspondence from CACREP regarding the national education standards for the practice of clinical mental health counseling and took no action at this time.

Other Business (for discussion only)

Mr. Stevenson advised the Board that he has accepted another position within the Department of Justice and this may be his last meeting.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Next Meeting Date

The Board's next meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2013, at 12:00 p.m., in Conference Room B, of the Cannon Bldg., 861 Silver Lake Blvd., Dover, Delaware.

Adjournment

Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Dr. Drevno, to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

George m. Williams

Jessica M. Williams

Administrative Specialist II